



## THE RUSCOE COMPANY

March 14, 2001

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Deena Sheppard-Johnson, SR-6J  
Remedial Enforcement Support Section  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604



Re: Chemical Recovery Systems Site, Elyria, Ohio

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

We have received the letter dated March 2, 2001 from James Mayka of the U.S. EPA regarding the potential liability of Ruscoe Company in connection with the clean-up of the Chemical Recovery Systems ("CRS") site in Elyria, Ohio. This letter constitutes our initial response to Mr. Mayka's letter. We are presently in the process of searching our records for information requested in Mr. Mayka's letter. At this stage, we do not have enough information to determine whether Ruscoe Company bears any legal liability for the clean-up of the CRS site. However, without admitting any liability, Ruscoe Company hereby acknowledges that it will comply with its legal obligations (if any) with respect to the site insofar as such obligations are demonstrated through legally sufficient evidence.

Very truly yours,

Paul Michalec

cc: Peter R. Harwood  
Terry L. Schnell